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This collection of notes showing early official moves and methods in the making of Syracuse, in the hope that it will prove of interest, and perhaps of use, to those who are concerned in the preserving of a knowledge of our hometown history.

JOHN N. ALSEVER,
City Clerk.

Syracuse, N. Y., November 20, 1915.

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This record of some of the early events of Syracuse that seemed most divergent, either in method or purpose, from present up-to-date city affairs, was made incidental to a search by this office of the books of the village Board of Trustees in the preparation of a public utility franchise index of both village and city.

The examination of the village records for this purpose was made by John G. White, from whose supplementary notes the following pages were prepared.

They are intended to show in brief form, without attempt to produce a running narrative, some things which now appear strange, even amusing, and others which serve to recall the men who, now generally forgotten, laid the foundation, nearly a hundred years ago, of the present municipality.

Care has been taken, in quoting the records, to reproduce the spelling, punctuation, capitalization and paragraphing, even when faulty, as was not infrequently the case. Words italicized in the following pages were underscored in the records.

The marginal date is, in each case, that on which the event is recorded in the village books.

"An Act to Incorporate

the

VILLAGE OF SYRACUSE"

was passed

April 13, 1825.

VILLAGE OF SYRACUSE

YEAR 1825

Date of Record

At a meeting of freeholders and inhabitants of the village of Syracuse, "held pursuant to notice at the schoolhouse," Tuesday, May 3, 1825, the following officers were chosen: **May 3**

Trustees—Joshua Forman, Amos P. Granger, Moses D. Burnet, Heman Walbridge, John Rogers.

Assessors—James Webb, Alfred Northam, Thomas Spencer.

Clerk—John Wilkinson.

Treasurer—John Durnford.

Poundmaster—Henry Young.

Constables—Jesse D. Rose, Henry W. Durnford.

Overseer, Highway District No. 1, Henry Young.

Overseer, Highway District No. 2, John Garrison.

That the above were elected in pursuance of the act to incorporate the village of Syracuse is certified in the record by Daniel Gilbert, Justice of the Peace, presiding. **May 3**

Joshua Forman chosen President of the Board of Trustees. **May 4**

The record of a meeting of the village Board of Trustees shows the following:

> Resolved that Othniel H. Williston, George W. Tanner, Hiram C. Woodworth and James Mann are severally fit persons to be licensed as tavern keepers in said village and that Certificates to that effect be issued to them respectively.
>
> Resolved that a book be procured for recording the proceedings of the Board of Trustees and their accounts. And that a seal for the Corporation be procured with the words "Syracuse Village" on an oval of 1½ inches with some suitable device.

Second meeting of board recorded as having been held "at the office of M. D. Burnett." **May 8**

Ordered

> that the following Licenses made on application of the parties to keep groceries in the village be handed to the Treasurer to be by him delivered on the execution of the bond required by Law and the payment of the sum of twenty five dollars

each towit Joseph Thompson, Henry Newton, Stephen W. Cadwell, Paschal N. Thurber, Joel Owen, Peter Van Olinda, Henry W. Dumford, Hayden Rice, William T. Arnold, Ambrose Kapon, Bush J. Vase, and Andrew N. Vanpatten and Ralph Waldby.

May 9 Resolutions:

Resolved that the Safety of the village requires that immediate Measures be taken to procure a good fire engine * * *

Resolved that this board hold a regular meeting on Monday evening of each week at seven o'clock * * *

May 10 No guns, crackers, or other fire-works to be fired "within the populous part of the village of Syracuse, except by persons under arms on public days by permission of their officers." Fine, $1.

No hogs "to run at large in the streets." Any found doing so "to be driven to the village Pound, and there detained by the pound-keeper, until a penalty of twenty-five cents for each hog" is paid in addition to penalty and fees fixed by town law. Pound-keeper may sell hog if fine is not paid within three days.

Persons "licensed to keep grocery shops, vitualling houses, oyster houses or other shops or houses" and "to retail spiritous liquors to be drank therein" are required to close on Sunday and at 11 P. M. on week days. Sunday penalty, $5; week-day penalty, $2.50.

May 12 Resolution:

Resolved that the Treasurer give Bonds in the sum of one thousand dollars * * *

May 13 Name of Genesee Street given to "Seneca Turnpike" (spelled Gennessee). Other streets namd: Salina, described as "running north and South across the Stone bridge, Warren, Clinton, Water, Washington and Fayette. The street-naming resolution concludes as follows:

The street leading east out of the Public Square Foot Street. The next Street north parallel to the Canal Church Street. The Street running from the Turnpike to the Canal next west of Gifford's house with its continuation South Franklin Street. And the Street leading therefrom to the Mill race north of the Canal thence along the same to the Seneca Turnpike Mill Street. And the Street west of the Onondaga Creek from the Turnpike to the Canal—named on the State map of the Village "Apple Street" shall be called "West Street."

May 16 Salary of John Wilkinson as Clerk of the Board of Trustees fixed at $25 a year.

May 24

Resolution:

Resolved that an advertisement be published for proposals to light and trim the four lamps now put up in the village and such others as may hereafter be put up by order of this board or a vote of the village and that persons applying shall state the price that they will charge per lamp to be lighted only dark nights.

May 26

Resolution:

Resolved that Joshua Forman & Moses D. Burnett be a committee to ascertain the State of the waterworks & report a system of regulation for the same.

June 13

Heman Walbridge was paid $35.97 for erecting a pound.

June 25

At a meeting of "freeholders and taxible Inhabitants" of the village, held at the house of James Mann, a tax of $125 was unanimously authorized, for purchase of a "village pall" and building a fence around the burying ground. It was arranged that notice of an adjourned meeting be published in The Syracuse Gazette.

July 7

"Meeting of freeholders and inhabitants." Unanimous action taken authorizing the village Trustees to accept a loan of $1,000 from the Albany Insurance Company, "to be used in the purchase of a good and sufficient fire engine with proper implements to extinguish fires," the loan to be secured by a four-year bond, bearing no interest for the first two years and three per cent for the remainder of the time.

Also the raising of $150 was authorized for "building an engine house" and "purchasing hooks and necessary ladders."

Oct. 11

"Joshua Forman reported that he had engaged an engine & hose for the sum of $925 in New York pursuant to the resolution for that purpose."

Resolution:

Resolved that Thomas B. Heermans be appointed captain of a Fire company in this village with power to raise thirty five men who shall be appointed firemen under the seal of the Corporation. The first enlisted of whom shall be the persons exempt from military duty, any vacancy among whom shall be filled by the persons next in order on the list.

Nov. 28

Loan authorized for purchase of fire engine being found impossible on terms specified, payment of seven per cent per annum, for four years, was authorized.

YEAR 1826.

Jan. 3 Warrants authorized to Thomas B. Heermans as captain and the following as firemen: John Dumford, Stephen W. Cadwell, Paschal Shurber, Linnaeus P. Noble, Agrippa Martin, Thomas I. Field, Thomas Spencer, Edward Chapman, Joel Owen, William C. Shope, Henry Van Hoosen, Harman Van Hoosen, Russel Hibbard, Zopher Adams, Humphrey Mellen, Samuel Mead, Theodore Ashley, John Wall, Volney Cook, Archibald L. Fellows, Seth K. Akin, Henry Gifford.

Jan. 23 The Board of Trustees accepted an offer of John Rogers "to build an Engine House to be 16 feet by 22 feet with 8 foot posts, to be shingled and sided with good planed siding and to be furnished with a good plain box stove and pipe, and to be done within one month for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars."

June 6 Resolution:

> Resolved that Benjamin F. Janes be paid for ringing the Bell three times per day at the rate of Fifty Dollars per Annum and at that rate if rung four times per day.

Sept. 13 A petition was presented by Ambrose Kasson and others "for the purpose of suppressing Vice & Immorality in this Village."

Resolutions:

> Resolved that A. Northam & H. Young be a committee to provide a house or room to be occupied as a Watch house.
>
> Resolved that a Subscription be circulated for the purpose of raising a fund to enable the Trustees to organise and keep on foot for One Month a Village Watch to consist of not less than four persons * * *.

Dec. 12 One dollar paid to The Syracuse Advertiser for publishing a notice of a village meeting.

YEAR 1827.

Dec. 3 Meeting held over to later date "inasmuch as the meeting of the Inhabitants noticed for this evening cannot be held on account of their being a prayer meeting at the School House."

Dec. 14 Resolutions:

> Resolved that the following named persons viz.
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> William Malcolm, Hiram Judson, George Archer, Othniel Williston, H. Chamberlain, Henry Newton, Thomas Bennet, Stephen Smith, George Hooker, Alfred Northam, — Cruger & Scuyler Strong,

are hereby appointed a *protection Company,* whose duty it Shall be to protect such goods as must necessarily be removed at a fire and to direct in the packing & moving the same.

Resolved that the Trustees shall each Carry a Staff at fires (such as shall be designated by a majority) as an insignia of *Office of fire Wardens* for the purpose of Compelling such as are unwilling to render due assistance in all cases of fire.

Resolved that all the Officers of the Corporation Engine Company—Hook and Ladder Company—Protection Co. Constables—Pound Keeper &c. be invited to assemble * * * to make such arrangements with regard to the village interests as the time and place may suggest

Resolved that each member of the Protection Co. be provided with a good and sufficient *Bag* which he shall carry with him to all fires for the purpose the more safely of packing and moving goods

YEAR 1828.

"All gaming, raffling or playing of Cardes, or dice" in "Grocery Shops, or Cellars, including Houses, or other Shops, which are licensed for the retailing of spirituous liquors to be drank therein" prohibited. Penalty—$10, to be sued for and recovered pursuant to the act incorporating the village. **Jan. 8**

John C. Field was allowed $20 "for his Services as Clerk during the past year." **Apr. 15**

"Crying or ringing of a Bell in the Streets or Elsewhere" for auction sales prohibited. **July 29**

Harry Newton and A. P. Granger on the North Side and Jno. Watt and Jos. Slocum on the South Side appointed to examine chimneys and stovepipes. **Dec. 22**

YEAR 1829.

Bill of John Wall for $4, "for money paid to H. Van Heusen for repairing the Church Bell," allowed. **Mar. 9**

Also bill of Levi Chapman for $4 "for taking a Census of the Village."

South Salina Street sidewalks twelve feet wide; no steps to encroach more than four feet, "but this ordinance is not to extend to or be in any wise applied to the Syracuse House." **June 10**

Payment of $7.06 to Cadwell & Thurber ordered "for refreshments for the Salina Engine Company after the Globe Factory fire." **July 15**

YEAR 1830.

Mar. 4 Warrant ordered issued appointing Columbus Bradley wood inspector for the village.

July 12 Resolutions:

> Resolved that the sum of Ten Dollars be required of W. C. Cook for the rent of the office under the White Bridge from the 10th. day of May 1830 to 10th. day of May 1831.
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> Resolved that the Engine house be painted a Straw Color.

Aug. 9 Ordinances provide: "The Village Pound-Master shall not directly or indirectly pay to any person or persons any compension or premium, for the driving of any Hog or Hogs to the Pound" * * *.

Also: "Good leather Buckets, to be used for extinguishing fires," were required to be procured and kept by owners as follows: "The Syracuse House and the two three story Taverns, four Buckets each; every three story Store, and two story Dwelling-house, two Buckets; and every other Store, Shop or Dwelling-house, one Bucket each; which Buckets shall be of good quality, and marked with the name of the owner suitably painted thereon."

Also: "No person or persons shall fly a Kite in any Street or Public Square." Penalty, $1.

Dec. 2 Ordinance:

> Be it ordained, that no person or persons shall Carry or Convey any fire from one Building to another, or in any Street in the Village without a Suitable Fire pan with a cover under penalty of Five Dollars for Each offence to be Collected according to law.

Dec. 11 Fifty dollar tax authorized, at "meeting of the Inhabitants of the Village" at the Syracuse House, "for paying Costs (so far as the same will go) in the suit *Village of Syracuse* vs. Saml Larned."

YEAR 1831.

Apr. 2 Accounts audited as follows: G. W. Smith, $9.36; Israel Shoudy, $3.75; H. Van Heusen, $3; "all for work & repairs to Village Bell."

S. A. Gould ordered paid $12.50 "for ringing bell One quarter."

Twenty dollars ordered paid to Village Clerk "for his Services the present Year."

Ordinance adopted prohibiting dogs running at large and providing that "it shall and May be lawful for any person or persons to Kill any such dog," the ordinance to "remain in full force and effect untill the first day of July next."

June 1 Resolution:

Resolved, that Two thousand days Labour be assessed upon the Inhabitants * * * to be worked out upon the Roads and Streets" * * *.

Meeting of "Freeholders & Inhabitants" at the Mansion House. Village Trustees unanimously "Authorized to make a Contract for a Town Clock." A tax of $50 authorized "upon the person & property of the Citizens of Syracuse to meet the first instalment therefor." **Aug. 3**

Accounts audited as follows: Daniel Elliott, $49.50, "for Lumber building Pest Houses &c"; Wm. Coppernoll, $21, "for attending upon the Small Pox"; Luther Bentz, $13.75, for same; C. & D. Bradley, $32.51, "for Provisions &c for Small Pox." **Nov. 11**

YEAR 1832.

Meeting of "Freeholders & Inhabitants," at the Mansion House, for "taking into Consideration and adopting the best means to be pursued with regard to the anticipated Plague that is expected soon to be amongst us." **June 20**

Trustees "authorized to Station Two suitable persons at (Teals Locks so called) * * * to examine every Boat from the Eastward" and to have any sick found aboard examined by physicians.

The physicians of the village were constituted a Board of Health.

Resolution: **June 23**

Resolved, That the Village be divided into four Wards and that they be intersected by Salina Street, and the Erie Canal

That the North West be Ward No 1. South West Ward No 2 South East, Ward No 3, North East, Ward No 4.

Resolved that E. B. Wicks and Silas Ames, for Ward No 1; Henry Raynor and Theodore Ashley for No 2 W. H. Alexander and Daniel Comstock for No 3; Paschal Thurber and Benjamin C. Lathrop for No 4 be a Committee of Inspection, to Carry into effect the Village Ordinances; that they Cause a Suitable quantity of Lime to be Kept in each ward, at all times, and that they present their bills to the Trustees for any necessary expenditure, within their respective wards. The committee will recommend a liberal use of Lime, where they may deem it necessary.

Trustee meeting at 9 A. M. Regulations adopted "in pursuance of Authority to us given by proclamation of the Governor" to prevent the introduction of "the Cholera a disease commonly Called the Asiatic Cholerea," which "exists in Quebec and Montreal in Canada." Canal boats to be quarantined one mile from village for fifteen days, if carrying sick or suspects, "or until Doct George **June 25**

Hooker, a Physician hereby appointed for that purpose, or any Other resident Physician of said Village. Shall Certify that no such Cholera patient is on board, and that such patient has been properly disposed of."

To detain and examine suspects and aid the physician appointed, the following were named: Amos P. Granger, H. W. Van Buren, Oliver Teal, Stephen W. Cadwell, Henry Newton, Daniel Dana and Samuel Copp.

Ordered:

> That the Health Officer, in Case of any Cholera or other malignant disease, be directed to report to the President of the Village, every Morning at 9 O'Clock the State of the health of the village.

"Doct. Jonathan Day" deputed to go to Canada to study cholera. Application to Governor Enos T. Throop, that he "appoint and commission" the Syracuse physician to make the trip, made by "the Board of Health regularly Organized in and for the Village of Syracuse" and signed by George Hooker as President of the Board of Health and Hiram Putnam as President of the Board of Trustees.

July 3 Resolution:

> Resolved that Philo N Rust be and is hereby appointed weighmaster for said village the current year in the room of Samuel Jacobs Resigned

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July 23 Account of Samuel A. Gould, of $5.15, allowed, "for repairing Hearse House and taking care of Town Clock at One Dollar per Month."

"The Board of Health heretofore formed having resigned," the following were named as a new board: John Wilkinson, M. D. Burnett, V. Cook, Daniel Dana, Joel Owen and H. Putnam.

Aug. 17 Resolution:

> Resolved that Two ladders be procured for the use of the Village

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Aug. 20 Account of Daniel Elliott, $22.71, "for Materials & Labor in putting up Town Clock," allowed.

The following were "appointed Firemen to be attached to Engine No 2": Parley Bassett, William S. Campbell, Alfred Daumas, Henry Davis, Jr., Thos. B. Fitch, William M. Fitch, Esra Foster, Jr., I. A. Hall, L. P. Hall, Solomon R. Howlett, A. A. Hudson, Benj. C. Lathrop, Chas. L. Lynds, Jas. Manning, Horace Pemberton, Jacob Raynor, Willett Raynor, Chas. T. Stanton, Joseph H. Starin, R. H. Yoe, William K. Lothrop and Gardner Lawrence.

Sept. 14 Meeting of "Freeholders and inhabitants." Tax of $250 ordered "upon the persons & property of the Citizens." "for improving the

road through the Swamp leading to Onondaga Hollow, on the east side of the Onondaga Creek."

Also it was resolved "that the Village build two Engine Houses," a tax of $300 to defray the cost. The houses were to be 28 by 16 feet in size, with 10-foot posts.

Location of new engine houses "fixed at the west end of the public Square in the Center of said Village, One on Each side of the Canal immediately contiguous to the bridges." **Sept. 26**

This action, taken at a "meeting of the Citizens," is recorded as "Carried in the affirmative 12 to 6."

YEAR 1833.

Resolution: **Mar. 28**

> Resolved That Mess W. & H. Raynor be authorised to repair the Engine House on the South Side of the Canal, by making the underpinning more secure

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Resolution:

> Resolved that the account of C. L. Elliott for Three Dollars for drawing map of the Center of the Village be allowed * * *. **Apr. 17**

H. A. Deming as Clerk gives notice by printed sheet that Elam Lynds and Harvey Baldwin are appointed as Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer respectively of the Fire Department, concluding: "Said Engineers are required to wear a conspicuous badge, that they may be recognized and obeyed at Fires." **Apr. 22 (Insert)**

The following were made Fire Wardens: Joseph I. Bradley, David Stafford, Jr., Daniel Elliott, John White and Amos P. Granger. Their duty was specified as, "at times of fire, to command the citizens to form lines, and compel them so to do, under the existing ordinance, making it a penalty of Five Dollars for any refusal to assist at a fire: Also, to examine chimneys, stove pipes, &c. and see that every house is supplied with a sufficient number of buckets, and to do all things that Fire Wardens are required to do."

"At the Annual Meeting of the electors of the Village of Syracuse held at the School House," among taxes voted were: $100, "to pay the two Instalments due for the town Clock"; "a Sum of Money not exceeding" $25, "to pay for the Hose Cart attached to Engine No 2 in this village"; $125, "for the purpose of furnishing the Hook & Ladder Company with all the Implements necessary for said Company." **May 7**

The Path Master was allowed one dollar and 12½ cents per day for his services, and he was required to give bonds "for the faithful performance of his duties."

David S. Colvin, having refused to take the office of Assessor, to which he had been elected by the Trustees, paid a fine of $10 for **June 3**

non-acceptance of the position, and Joel Owen was named in his place.

Aug. 3 "Proposal of Mr. Phelps" accepted, "to build Two Brideges at $1025—located one on Franklin St. and one on Lock St."

Amount of fine for refusing to accept office at the hands of the Board of Trustees was increased to $20 on the occasion of the appointment of Thomas Bennett as Assessor in place of Josiah Wright, who refused to serve.

After increasing the bounty "for driveing Swine to the pound" the Trustees appointed Vivas W. Smith *"Hog Reeve* in and for the Village of Syracuse for the current year."

Aug. 27 The trouble in getting appointees to serve as Assessor continued. Thomas Bennett declined, and William H. Alexander was named.

The board then remitted the $10 fine that had been paid by David S. Colvin for refusing to take the office.

Two dollars was ordered paid for "legal Servises". Nicholas P. Randell was the lawyer to whom the fee was paid.

YEAR 1834.

Jan. 27 Andrew N. Van Patten permitted to build a packet boat office "at South East Corner of the New Bridge on the public Square," paying to the village $20 a year for the privilege.

Feb. 10 "At a meeting of the Freeholders & Taxable Inhabitants * * * held at the Presbyterian Meeting House" it was

> Resolved that M. D. Burnett John Wilkinson & B. D. Noxon together with Stepen Smith H. Putnam E. W. Leavenworth L. H. Redfield H. Baldwin and Henry Davis Junr. be a committee to revise the present charter & to print 100 Copies of the proposed Amendments thereto.

May 26 Ordinances (in part) published, for the Board of Trustees, over the signature of B. Davis Noxon, President, and J. C. Hanchett, Clerk:

> Be it Ordained, by the Trustees aforesaid, that wherein they, or any of them, shall direct and notify the occupant of any building, that an alteration is necessary in his chimney or stovepipe, or in any part of the building connected with, or adjoining to the fire in the same, that it shall be the duty of the said occupant to make the alteration within three days thereafter * * *
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> The Meat Markets shall be closed on Sundays, from nine o'clock in the morning, to seven o'clock in the evening * * *
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> And be it further Ordained, That the sextons, who shall be severally appointed by the Episcopal

and Presbyterian Societies, shall have the charge of the Village Burying Ground, and shall at all times, when severally required so to do, dig all the necessary Graves and attend the Burial; and the Sexton, who shall be so required, shall receive, for digging the Grave and attending the Burial of every Adult, one dollar and fifty cents, and for every child, under the age of ten years, one dollar, to be paid by the applicant * * *

And be it further Ordained, That no person shall suffer his, her, or their sheep, swine, cows, or other cattle to be in the burying ground * * *

In order to secure his penalties on impounded and unredeemed swine the pound-keeper was, under these ordinances, to sell the animals at public auction, advertised by him "by posting up a written notice in a conspicuous place at the Syracuse-House, the Mansion House, and also at the pound," and turn back to the owner all proceeds in excess of the penalty.

The ordinances regulated the number of fire buckets required on any premises as follows: "Every dwelling house, store or shop, having one smoke, shall have one fire bucket, and for every additional two smokes, they shall have an additional fire bucket."

A twenty-dollar fine stood in the way of selling "wines, or any spiritous liquors, either by wholesale or retail, in any street, square, basin, canal or other public highway"; "but this prohibition," continue the ordinances, "is not intended to prevent the retailing of liquors from the bars of packet-boats on the canal and to be drank therein."

June 14 "The special business of the meeting having been finished," says the record of a board meeting, "The Trustees took up the account of Daniel Thompson amounting to five dollars, for winding Town Clock, cleaning Meeting House, & mending Church yard fence, examined, audited and drew order on Treasurer for Same."

July 24 That the village, like the city into which it grew, had its troubles with encroachments on streets is indicated by an extract from a village ordinance providing that:

"All Fences or Steps, now obtruding upon the public highway, on the south side of Water Street, shall be moved or set back on a line with the fence in front of the block of brick dwellings owned by W. & H. Raynor * * *, that the fence in front of the house and lot now occupied by H. W. Starin, in Clinton Street, shall be moved or set back to the line of said street * * *," and more of the same.

A sidewalk ordinance has street references as follows: "Washington street, from the mill-pond to Genesee street; Clinton street, from Water street to the brow of the hill south of Willit Raynor's dwelling house; Fayette street, from the mill-pond to Mulberry street," also "Genesee street, from the Red Mill to Mulberry street."

YEAR 1835.

Apr. 6 Monday morning meeting of Trustees for action on mad dog scare of previous day; animal had been killed after biting several others. It was declared lawful for anyone to kill any dog at large, between April 7 and May 7.

June 22 Account of Hoyt & Phelps, "for mending Hearse to the amount of $1.50," audited.

YEAR 1836.

July 7 "At a meeting of resident freeholders" at the Mansion House,

Moved & Seconded that a committee of three be appointed to measure the fence around the burying ground estimate the expense of building the same & that they report to this meeting immediately

Moved & Seconded that Messrs Peck, Kirk & George be such committee—

The said committee respectfully report that they have examined the said fence & have estimated the cost at $83.88 * * *

On Motion Resolved that the sum of $83.88 be raised for the purpose * * *

Aug. 25 "At a meeting of the resident freeholders * * * & owners of real estate held under contract" at the Syracuse House a tax of $300 was voted for "digging a well on the square formed by Genessee Water & Warren Streets & covering the same with cut stone & enclosing the same with an iron railing & for the purchase of a pump."

Oct. 18 Payment of $45 ordered to Jonathan Courtney "for digging stoning & cleaning well in Hanover Square."

Nov. 7 Payment of $5 ordered "in favor of John Hand & Parker," "for burying Hathaway out of the contingent fund."

Bill of Thos. Spencer for $138.12 audited "for removing the engine houses."

YEAR 1837.

Feb. 14 Reward of $1,000 "offered for the apprehension and conviction of the person who set fire to the store of Barker & Gilmore."

Apr. 17 Resolution:

Resolved that the proportion of the penalty to be paid to the Trustees of the village in impounding the hogs belonging to Widow Cushing be & the same is hereby remitted

Apr. 24 Annual election called, to be held "at the Village School House in Church Street."

Time for regular meetings of the Board of Trustees fixed at "Saturday Morning of Each Week at 8 OClock." **May 4**

"Market, for the purchase and sale of produce generally," established, bounded as follows: "North by the north line of Clinton square and of Foot st., East by the east line of Warren st., South by the south line of Genesee st. and Clinton square, and West by the west line of said square." **May 23**

"Permission Was given to Purdy Welch McComber & Co to exhibit their 'Menergerie of Animals &C' in this Village." **May 30**

"Permission Was granted to Mr Whipple to exhibit 'Ross Self Moving Machine' or Perpetual Motion'." **June 10**

Trustees now meeting at "Trustees Room," or "Corporation Room." John G. Forbes appointed attorney to the board. **June 12**

Resolution: **July 1**

> The Syracuse and Utica Rail Road Company having located the line of their Rail Road through Washington or Second South Street for the Whole length of the Same and Now present through John Wilkinson their Attorney an application to the Trustees of this Village asking them to approve Such a grade of Said Street as shall be conformable to the Grade of the other Streets of the Village and assenting to the use of the Street for said Rail Road Company it is therefore on Motion of Wm Jackson
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> *"Resolved"* that the Syracuse & Utica Rail Road Company be authorised to Grade Washington or Second South Street Conformably to the Grade of Lock, Genessee and Salina Streets as they may be fixed upon by the Trustees to be ascertained by the Survey of Mr Lee now making —and that the Said Rail Road Company may lay down their Rails in Said Street and use the same as the line of their Said Rail Road but they shall not Exclude the public use of Said Street the Same remaining a public Street of Said Village With the permission hereby granted to Said Rail Road Company—they keeping the Streets Except the Side Walks in proper repair—Also
>
> Resolved That the Clerk make a transcrip of these Resolutions and deliver the Same to the Said Company—

Bill of George Geddes for $5 audited "for measuring Embankment on East Side Mill Pond." **July 8**

July 20 A notice of a village meeting ordered published in The Syracuse Whig.

July 27 A Night Watch ordered established, to be organized by a committee consisting of M. S. Marsh, G. W. Parsons and C. L. Lynds.

Aug. 19 Resolution: (Three of the five members being present, Trustees Phillips, Huff and Dickinson)

> Resolved that a fine of Twenty five Cents shall be imposed upon each & every member of the Board who Shall not be present at Every meeting of the Board Within ten minutes of the time appointed for Said meeting—for the Contingent Expences of the Board

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Sept. 2 Resolution:

> Whereas Hiram Putnam Was on the 2d day of May last Elected an Assessor for the Village of Syracuse and neglected to qualify Within ten days of Said election and Was appointed by the Trustees an Assessor on the 20th day of May last and neglected to qualify as Such Assessor Within ten days from Said appointement and
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> Whereas Lewis H Redfield Was on the 20th day of June last appointed an Assessor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of David Stafford Jr and neglected to qualify Within ten days of Said Appointment
>
> Therefore Resolved that Hiram Putnam and Lewis H Redfield be reappointed assessors for the Village of Syracuse—

Sept. 25 J. I. Bigelow allowed fifteen cents per yard "for the Filling of Genessee Street from the East side Warren Street to the West line of Lock Street."

Nov. 29 Account of P. N. Rust of $10.26 audited "for Refreshments furnished Village Watch."

YEAR 1838.

Apr. 27 Levi L. Chapman allowed $50 for services as Village Clerk.

May 1 "At the Annual Election for Village Officers held at the District School House in Church Street" about 600 votes were cast.

May 7 Elias W. Leavenworth elected President by the Trustees. Samuel Larned made a committee to examine streets and order necessary work thereon.

"The following persons were recommended to the board of Ex-

cise as proper persons to receive Licenses as Tavern Keepers in the Village of Syracuse.

"Philo N. Rust	Syracuse House
"Daniel Comstock	Mansion House
"William B. Kirk	Kirks Tavern
"Thos. S. Keeler	Keelers Tavern
"William Downs	Oldline House
"Nicholas Cook	Centre House
"John Smith	Onondaga House
"William A. Robinson	Eagle Tavern
"George Bramsby	Lock St House
"Benoni F. Partridge &	Union House
"John Teckney	Railroad House"

Resolution: **July 2**

Resolved that the President of this board is requested to employ Six men as a Village Watch for the term of One Week at a Compensation of One Dollar each pr. night * * *

Resolution: **Sept. 3**

Petition presented from Levi Lewis agent of the Auburn & Syracuse Rail Road Company, praying in behalf of said Company, liberty to construct a depot in Washington St. Whereupon

Resolved that the Auburn and Syracuse Rail Road Company have liberty to Erect a Car House on Washington Street, between Messrs. Wilkinson & Malcolm's lots, to be 18 feet wide, provided they shall fix the street on either side, So as that teams may pass by the same; and also that it shall be removed within One year.

"Oct. 24, 1838, at a public sale according to advertisement Wm Jackson Auctioneer Sold The lot on Which stands the Episcopal Church described in advertisement as follows viz: 'For paving, grading, flagging and curb stone, on Genesee St. and flagging on Warren St. in front of block known as the Episcopal Church Block —assessed to the Episcopal Church: Tax & interest $422.67 **Oct. 24**
Advertising & int 21.92

$444.59

Sold to Thomas B. Fitch for Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Years for the above amount—"

Village Public Meeting, E. W. Leavenworth presiding. **Dec. 26**

Trustees directed to request the School Commissioners of the town of Salina "to divide this school district into four districts."

Trustees authorized to borrow $15,000 "for the purpose of Erecting a Market and town House."

Trustees "authorized to apply to the Legislature for a City Charter."

The following were named "to draft a City Charter and report at a future meeting": "Mess. Wilkinson, Redfield, Teal, Forbes, Putnam & Leavenworth."

"On motion of Capt. Hiram Putnam it was unanimously Resolved, that the Syracuse and Utica Rail Road Company be and hereby are permitted to Erect their passenger Depot building in Washington Street, between Salina and Warren Streets about 49 ft. wide and to continue the same during the existence of the Corporation," subject to certain conditions. One was that the thoroughfare be widened and paved at the expense of the company. Another was "that the said Company shall within *one year* from this time, set out a row of suitable and proper shade trees, on each side of said Rail Road from the west line of said Road to the Bridge over the Rail Road in Beach Street in Lodi—not over two rods a part" and replace them in case of "death or distruction." A third provision related to extension of a stone drain from Salina Street east, "not extending farther than a point this side of Academy *Hill* where the Yellow Brook Crosses the Rail Road tract, and of the same dimentions with the part already made."

Dec. 31 "All sliding, on sleds, boards or otherwise" on bridges or bridge embankments prohibited.

YEAR 1839.

Apr. 1 Forman Square declared a public square.

Apr. 15 Street signs ordered and President directed to designate streets where they should be placed.

June 24 Street Commissioner "directed to remove the negro Shantee on Sixth South Street."

In general ordinances re-enacted, published over the signatures of E. W. Leavenworth, President, and S. D. Day, Clerk, the Village Clerk appears to have held a second position, for the ordinances provide "that Samuel D. Day be measurer of wood for this village, and every person offering for sale any fire wood in said village, shall, in case the seller and buyer cannot agree in the measurement thereof, procure the same to be measured by a measurer appointed by the Trustees, under a penalty of ten dollars for each and every refusal so to do, to be collected of each one offending. The measurer may be required to give a certificate of the quantity measured. The measurer's fee shall be three cents for each cord measured by him, and the same sum for a less quantity; one half to be paid by the purchaser and one half by the seller."

Railroad problems appear in one of the concluding ordinances, which provides "that any person who shall leave a Rail-Road car of any kind in Washington street, east of the creek, to remain over six hours, shall incur a penalty of ten dollars; and after this penalty is

incurred, such car may be removed from said street under the direction of the Trustees or any one of them, and sold at public auction to pay the expense of removal."

Samuel D. Day appears to have had other public activities, for Lyman Walker was appointed Assessor in place of Mr. Day, "who was disqualified from acting not being a freeholder." **July 8**

YEAR 1840.

Ordered that D. H. Orcutt be required "to move the Salt Kettles & other property belonging to him to the north side of Hickory Street." (One of the few references in the record to the industry which for years made Syracuse the Salt City.) **June 15**

Resolution: **Sept. 14**

Resolved: That a watch be appointed for three nights & that Messrs Baldwin & Thurber be a committee to employ twelve men as such watch.

Resolution: **Dec. 14**

Resolved That none of the bells of the village churches shall be rung or tolled on occasion of deaths or burials under the penalty of ten dollars unless in case of services performed in the Church

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YEAR 1841.

Resolution: **Jan. 13**

Resolved: That it is not expedient to apply for a city charter at the present cession of the legislature—

Thos. T. Davis, John Wilkinson and David S. Colvin were named as a committee to act with the Trustees "to prepare & report to a future meeting Such amendments to the Charter as Shall give to the village a more vigerous police."

Bank of Syracuse mentioned. **Jan. 25**

Resolution: **May 10**

Whereas the President of the United States has recommended Friday the 14th day of May instant to be observed by the people of the Union as a day of *fasting* and *prayer* in consequence of the death of the late President *William Henry Harrison;* and whereas, under such national bereavement, we deem it highly proper to unite with our fellow citizens in observing that day according to the aforesaid recommendation—Resolved therefore that we respectfully suggest and recommend to the citizens of this village to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary occupations, and that the places of business during the day be closed

May 11 Adjourned session of board held "in the fourth Story of the new Banking House."

May 18 At a meeting of the taxable inhabitants the levy of a tax of $800 was authorized, for payment of "one third of the costs of building a good covered stone culvert in Sixth South Street and Onondaga Street from Yellow Brook to the Onondaga Creek"; it was resolved "that the Syracuse & Utica Rail Road Company be & they are hereby requested to pay another third part" and "that John Townsend Esq. and others composing the Syracuse Company, be requested to pay another third part."

May 24 Application by "Mr. Mesmer" made "for the office of Scavenger for the village."

"Selling powder after sun set, or by Candle or other artificial light," prohibited.

May 27 Resolution adopted providing "that a deed be executed to Oliver Teall, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled—'An act to supply the village of Syracuse with wholesome water' passed March 27, 1821," and amendments thereof.

"John M. Weeting * * * appointed Village Surveyor, at a compensation of three dollars per day for the time he is actually employed."

Napoleon B. Reiley "appointed Village Scavenger at a compensation of $200 per Annum."

June 4 The taxpayers in session voted a tax of $200 for improvement of a new village cemetery, the purchase of about twenty-two acres of John H. Johnson having been previously authorized, and a tax of $100 "for the purchase of a new hearse."

June 7 President of Board of Trustees directed to execute "deed of conveyance of certain water in the village of Syracuse to Oliver Teall."

June 14 Application "made by the Agent of 'The Packet and Steamboat Co. of Oswego & Syracuse' for the privilege of erecting a Sign and bell on the dock in front of Marsh, Wheaton & Co's Store" granted, for the bell only, "the bell to be erected under the direction of the President of the Board of Trustees."

Bond of N. B. Reiley approved. (He had not long before been made Village Scavenger.)

June 19 Published ordinances provide, in part: "That it shall not be lawful for any person to light a fire in any of the streets or lots in the village after twelve o'clock at noon"; "that any person who shall disobey the trustees present at any fire" shall be fined $10; "that it shall not be lawful for any person to suffer his, her or their cows, or other cattle, to run at large in the streets from the fifteenth day of December, to the 15th day of March in each year."

While the "parking of cars" had not then become a civic problem, a $10 fine awaited the person who left a "wagon, carriage, cart, stage coach" or other vehicle "in any lane, street or square" over night.

It was unlawful to sell fruit or other wares on any bridge or embankment thereof.

Wood allowed to be sold from wagons in Clinton Square, on each side of the canal, "between the travelled part of the roads and said canal."

"No person" permitted to "turn or suffer to be turned into Fayette Park, any horse or cow or other animal capable of doing injury to the trees, grass or shrubbery therein."

"Both the village papers" referred to. **June 22**

No fireworks "on the approaching anniversary of our National Independence" allowed except "on Prospect Hill." **June 28**

Proposals accepted, "to improve Water Street from Lock Street to the Stone Mill in Lodi." **June 29**

"A Meeting of the Taxable inhabitants * * * was held in the public room over the Bank on Salina Street." One purpose specified in the call was "to take into consideration the propriety of laying a String of logs from the Locks, near Almond Street, through Almond and Fayette Streets, to Supply the village with water in cases of fire." Adjourned without action. **July 19**

"The Board did not meet according to adjournment in consequence of the late calamity occasioned by the explosion of 25 kegs of gunpowder. which killed 25 persons. and wounded many more"— **Aug. 23**

In special session the Trustees issued the following call for a public meeting: **Aug. 26**

> Whereas the Trustees of this village have been informed. and believe. that there is now in our midst. a large number of gamblers and evil disposed persons. ready for the commission of depredations and crime; and whereas our fellow citizens have desired some public and vigerous action to drive such persons from among us. or to bring them to punishment. the Said Trustees do therefore give notice that a public meeting of the citizens of the village will be held at the Syracuse Mansion House. to take into consideration such measures as may be proposed to accomplish the objects aforesaid. On Saturday the 28th day of August inst. at 3 oclock P. M.
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> The said meeting will also take into consid-

eration measures for the entire and absolute suppression of the horse races designed to be held in September next. as the Said races are in violation of law. and tend to the injury of public morals. and the endangering the property of our citizens. Syracuse Augt. 26. 1841

By order of the Board

W. M. Clarke, Clerk Hiram Putnam President

Resolution:

Resolved That an efficient watch be established in this village. to be continued till after the races which are designed to be held in Sept. next.

Aug. 28 Meeting of inhabitants, "Hiram Putnam in the chair."

After reading of the notice for the meeting, adjournment was taken "to meet forthwith in the Presbyterian Church."

"The laws relating to gambling. Horse racing. vagrants & disorderly persons. were, on Motion. read"

The following committee was named "to report to the meeting resolutions upon the subjects contemplated in the public notice: viz H. Rhoades. Z. T. Newcomb. H. Sheldon. O. Teall. P. Dickinson. I. F. Sabine. Lewis H. Redfield."

The Trustees were "requested to appoint three additional constables to hold their Office until the Middle of October next."

"The Committee on resolutions. reported the following which were accepted and adopted":

Resolved. That the municipal authorities of the town and county of Onondaga, of the town of Salina. and also of the village of Syracuse, owe it to themselves and the Community over which their jurisdiction extends, to take fearless and prompt measures for the prevention of horse races and that we hereby pledge ourselves that we will do every thing in our power to sustain and aid the authorities in the faithful discharge of their duty for Such purpose.

Resolved that all officers concerned in the administration of justice in the County of Onondaga and the town of Salina, and also in the village of Syracuse, shall be requested and instructed to attend at the place where the Coming races are advertised to be held, and there give notice of the illegality thereof, and endeavor to prevent Such races, by dispersing the people Collected for the purpose of attending the same; and that they shall issue warrants for the immediate apprehension of all persons offending against the provision of the act for preventing the racing of Animals.

Resolved. That the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Onondaga be requested and instructed to attend at the time and place where the Coming races are advertised to be held, in Said town, and there commence Suits against the owners, in whole or in part, of any animal that shall be used or employed by his permission or privity, in racing Contrary to law, and also against every person concerned in laying bet or wager upon the event of Such racing or in contributing to the Stakes to be awarded, upon any Such event.

Resolved That the law relating to horse-racing. be published in handbills, together with the resolution of the Trustees of the village of Syracuse, declaring their intention to put the law vigerously in force in every violation of such law, which shall come to their Knowledge

Resolved, That we will also unite our best efforts with those of the Civil Magistrates, not only in bringing to punishment and driving out from among us numerous black-legs, gamblers, and incendiaries by whom we are Said to be infested, but also in uprooting the infamous dens and resorts in our town, in which they are made, Sustained and concealed, whether existing under the names of Groceries, Billiard-rooms, Ball-alleys or Brothels.

Resolved. That the late terrible calamity which has befallen us. and which has taken from our midst, in an instant so large a number of our friends and fellow citizens, admonishes us, by the respect we bear to the memory of our murdered neighbors, and by all the obligations we owe to our families and to each other, as members of the Same Social Community to see that this work of purgation is now begun and carried to the end fearlessly and effectually, without regard to any other consideration. than the full and complete extirpation of Such nuisances.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, Shall be served personally on all the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Said County and Justices of the peace, residing in either of the towns of Onondaga or Salina.

On motion of R. Hebbard, it was

Resolved, That a committee of fifty or more be appointed, to be denominated a Committee of Vigilance, whose duty it Shall be to hold themselves ready on all occasions, to assist the legal

authorities in the execution of the Statutes for the suppression of vice, and that this meeting pledge themselves to sustain the Said Committee.

"The Object of the last resolution was carried into effect by more than 200 of the most respectable citizens volunteering as members of Said Committee." Then:

Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and published in the papers of this village. and in the Albany Argus and Evening Journal.

Sept. 3 Resolution:

Whenever in the Course of human events it becomes necessary to impose heavy and burdensome taxes upon the people it is not only their right but their duty to ascertain as near as may be, the causes which call for such heavy burdens, in order that they may avert the Same as far as possible. Therefore

Resolved That a Committee of Seven be raised to ascertain Such Causes and report the Same to this meeting

The following were chosen: James Noxon, Oliver Teall, Elihu S. Phillips, James Hough, Volney Cook, Hiram Putnam and William Barker.

The following report of another committee was then received and adopted:

1st Your Committee are informed and believe and have no doubt of the fact that there are about seventy five Establishments within the Corporate limits of the village of Syracuse in the trafic of intoxicating drinks which instance of itself would call for extraordinary measures for the protection of the lives and property of the good people of Syracuse

2d The Contemplated Horse races, advertised to take place at the end of this month, calls especially at this time for great exertions on the part of the public Authorities. And the prompt aid of the citizens to prevent

3d The Many gaming houses in this village have also a Strong tendency to disturb and molest the good people of this village

4th The increase of Crime and the thousand loose Characters that flock about this Centre of one of the richest Counties in the State render it highly expedient for our own personal security to carry out the measures proposed.

5th The Many fires that have burnt the property of the Citizens of Syracuse and which have

been clearly the work of incendiaries, are motives that Strongly induce us to recommend the establishment of a Night Watch.

An expenditure of $600 was authorized by the Trustees "to defray the expense of a Night Watch."

Henry Gifford, William A. Cook and Russel Hebbard appointed as village constables. **Sept. 6**

Nathan W. Rose, Joseph Flick, Joseph Mesmer, James Burrell, Charles A. Huntoon and Thomas Griffith were "appointed Watchmen of this village at a compensation of one dollar per night." **Sept. 7**

Nathan W. Rose was "appointed Captain of Said watch with an additional compensation of fifty cents per night."

Resolution: **Oct. 12**

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Trustees of the several Churches in this village having bells, to prevent the *ringing* of the Same, on occasion of any services during the week, and also that on Sunday the Said bells Should not be rung more than four minutes, for each Service, believing that for ordinary services the *tolling* of the bells will answer all useful purposes.

At "a meeting of the taxable inhabitants * * * at the City Hotel," "on Motion of Oliver Teall, it was Resolved. That the Night Watch be discontinued." **Dec. 1**

YEAR 1842.

A petition received and laid on the table "for an appropriation for the purchase of muskets to arm a Military Company." **Feb. 28**

Salary of W. M. Clarke as Clerk made $100. **Apr. 29**

"On motion, The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted": **May 9**

Whereas, this board agree in opinion with the Hon John C. Spencer, the Hon John Savage & Chancellor Kent, that any person may *without licence* establish and Keep a "Temperance House" for the entertainment of the travelling public. And whereas, in the opinion of this board, the common use of intoxicating liquors is destructive of the best interests of the community and especially of those who become the victims of intemperance, and their families, Therefore

Resolved That this board will not recommend any person or persons whatever, to the board of Excise of this town as suitable persons to vend intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

May 23 The Clerk was directed to "procure a Camphine Gas Lamp for the use of the Board of Trustees."

May 30 "Permission was given to erect a liberty pole on the north side of Clinton Square."

Salary of Street Commissioner fixed at $1.50 per day.

June 6 Permission granted to Horace Butts to fence in the point of land at the southwest side of the junction of Onondaga and Montgomery Streets.

July 4 Ordinance: "No fire balls shall be thrown by any person or persons."

Dec. 19 Thirty-one citizens petitioned for a public meeting in regard to the sale of intoxicants, stating that "there are about seventy places in this village where intoxicating liquors are sold, thereby causing three fourths of all the pauperism crime taxation and premature deaths in said village." The petitioners were: Wm. Barker, Oliver Teall, John Mayo, E. Walter, J. G. Holden, A. Burt, A. W. Stowell, Michael Phillips, Henry Agnew, J. K. Barlow, E. J. Foster, John Wilkinson, R. B. Williams, Horace Butts, E. H. Sherman, Wing Russell, M. V. B. Burt, Hiram Putnam, E. W. Leavenworth, Philo D. Mickles, W. M. Clark ,Thomas B. Fitch, William Malcolm, C. T. Longstreet, D. P. Phelps, J. L. Bagg, Ham'l White, A. H. Hovey, Hervey Rhoades, C. A. Wheaton and Abner Bates.

Dec. 22 The public meeting petitioned for was held. A formal published report, included in the record, signed by Charles A. Baker, Chairman, and Charles A. Wheaton, Secretary, calls it "a numerous and crowded meeting, held at the Temperance House, (kept by H. A. Chase,)." On motion of Major Cook, resolutions prepared by a committee consisting of H. Putnam, Montgomery Merrick, Aaron Burt, D. G. Stafford and Jason C. Woodruff were adopted declaring that the "more than seventy places" doing a liquor business in the village were "prolific sources of pauperism, crime, litigation, taxation, and premature death, and aught not to be sanctioned by law, nor suffered to exist in a civilized community," declaring also "that the Legislature aught immediately to repeal that part of the excise law which authorizes the granting of licences to sell intoxicating liquors" and "that it is the duty, not only of temperance men, but of all well-wishers to society to encourage, by their patronage, such establishments as do not keep or sell intoxicating liquors."

The President of the village was requested, in the resolutions, to transmit copies thereof to the county's members of the Legislature, to be presented to the Legislature.

YEAR 1843.

May 8 A room belonging to Larned, Granger & White was secured at

$50 a year for a meeting place for the Board of Trustees.

Report and resolution: **Nov. 27**

Report from W A Cook, Chief Engineer he states that he found powder on the Premises of John Cushney & W Hinman more than the ordinance of the Village allows.

Resolved that the Village Attorney be directed to prosecute the Said Hinman & Cushney for Violation of said ordinance

YEAR 1844.

At a taxpayers' meeting at the Trustees' office, John Wilkinson, H. Putnam, O. Teall, M. D. Burnett, I. G. Forbes, Geo. F. Comstock, I. G. Tracy, C. A. Baker and W. Raynor were made a committee, to report later, on "the Subject of a City Charter." **Jan. 4**

"On Motion of O Teall Resolved that James R Lawrence D. D. Hillis E W Leavenworth & H T Fellows be Employed by the Village to prosecute those engaged in the riot on the Evening of Monday 1st January under the direction of the Trustees"

By resolution the Legislature was urged to enact a local option liquor law, outlined in the resolution.

A resolution "offered by C. A. Wheaton in relation to the recent riot & Disturbances" was referred to the committee named to consider applying for a city charter.

Adjourned meeting of taxpayers. "The Committee to whom was refered the resolution as ofered by C. A. Wheaton at the last meeting, report as follows"—— **Jan. 8**

Whereas the late disgraceful and vitous outrage which occured in this Village during the last week involving not only considerable loss of property but severe personal injuries together with other ruffianism of a minor character which has frequently taken place within the last Two Years fully demonstrate as well the existence of an apathetic and corrupt public sentiment by which such offences are indirectly encouraged by the neglect to bring the guilty parties to speedy and condign punishment—as also the necessity *now and at once* of a adopting efficient measures for the repression of these repeated acts of Vilonce in future.

Therefore resolved that as Citizens of the Village desirous of and claiming for ourselves the protection of the law in behalf of our own persons and property—we are determined and here by pledge ourselves that we will hereafter by every means in our power prosecute and bring to Justice every offence of this description com-

mitted against any persons or class of Citizens

Resolved that in our Judgment a large portion of the excesses which have occured may be attributed to the light punishment inflicted on offenders presented for violation of law and by a general looseness in the administration of criminal Justice

Resolved that we call upon every Ministerial & Judicial officer within our Corporate Limits as well as every good Citizen to lend their prompt & efficient aid in every case of the violation of public order or the criminal infringement of private right whenever perpetrated speedily unformily and without regard to person or the fear of injurious consequences to themselves and that we will act in concert upon these cases when they arise and suffer nothing to remain undone by which this object can be effected.

Resolved that the acts of Violence are the legitimate results of the Sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage And this meeting earnestly solicit all persons engaged in Such Sale and use, for the sake of Suffering Humanity, and for the Honor of our Village (which at this moment embraces within its corporate limits about 80 Liquor Selling Establishments) to abandon the business, and thus contribute very largely to our future preservation from the recorrence of Such disgracefull Scenes.

Resolved that the above resolution be signed bv the president & Clerk and published in the papers of the Village—

The committee on city charter recommended "application to the Legislature for a City Charter with *limited* & Restricted powers."

A "committee to draw a city Charter" is listed as follows: J. Wilkinson, M. D. Burnett, I. G. Tracy, H. Putnam, I. G. Forbes, G. F. Comstock, C. A. Baker, W. Raynor, D. Pratt, A. P. Granger, Lewis H. Redfield, C .A. Wheaton, W. B. Kirk and Zebulon Ostrom.

Feb. 5

Resolution:

Resolved that a Committee to Consist of Chief Engineer Asst Engineer and the Foreman of each Fire Company to make arrangement for the ringing of the different Church Bells in such manner as they deem most advisable for the Interest of the Village & of Fire Department and to procure a Key for each Church which has a Bell and designate an alarm Bell which shall be rung during the existence of Any Fire.

An ordinance was unanimously adopted making it unlawful to "keep or maintain" "any Ball Alley, or apparatus, alley, machine, building, or enclosure, constructed or used for the purpose of playing thereon or therewith, at the game called or known by the name of nine pins or ten pins, for gain, hire, reward or emolument of any kind or in any manner whatsoever," and permitting the game "for any stake, wager, bet or chance" was subject to a penalty of $10. **May 27**

A like restriction was placed on the playing of billiards and pool.

Fifty dollars appropriated "to repair the Hearse House." **June 5**

Seventy-five dollars appropriated "for the purpose of purchasing a waggon for the use of the Bucket Company hereafter to be formed."

Four "resovoirs" ordered, to cost $150 each, to be constructed "in different parts of the village at the discretion of the Trustees."

Citizens advised to deliver their fire buckets to the recently formed Bucket Company. **June 17**

The Syracuse Cadets were given "permission to Encamp on the north side of Clinton Square on the 4th of July inst." **July 1**

Record made of agreement by which the village took over from the Seneca Road Company "that part of the Seneca Turnpike Road that now is or may hereafter be included within the limits of the Corporation of Syracuse," the village, or succeeding city, to take it "under their charge and direction forever"; the company agreed to "establish no gate between Said village of Syracuse and the village of Geddes."

YEAR 1845.

"On motion of William Barker Resolved that the Village pay two hundred & seventy five Dollars for cleaning the streets for one year." **May 26**

Resolution: **June 9**

> Resolved that we pay the Western State Journal & Onondaga Standard four shillings each, per week for publishing the proceedings of the Board

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Resolution: **June 30**

> Resolved that we pay Henry E. Brewster $10 when he shall have expended $20 in improving Almond Street near his Brewery

"No runner or Stage Driver or other person" permitted, under ordinance of this date, to "solicit passengers travellers or other persons in any of the public streets, Rail Road Depot or public place or any rail road or any wharf or on board of any boat or stage or Rail Road car within said Village to travel in any stage or on any Rail Road or boat or directly or indirectly to go to any public Inn or Tavern."

July 19 At a meeting of "the Freeholders & Taxable inhabitants," called for "the large Hall, in the 4th story of the Larned and Granger Block," for a vote on the proposition of buying land and placing on it "a Market and other Public Buildings" action was taken which led to the acquiring of the site of the present City Hall.

It was voted "that the Trustees be authorized to purchase the Lot on the East side of Montgomery Street running from Washington to Water Street for a Market Lot provided the owners thereof will make the size of the Lot sixty feet East & West with a road or alley in the rear from Washington to Water Street forty feet wide provided farther that the Lot can be purchased for five thousand Dollars."

The Trustees were authorized to raise $3,500 with which to build a market structure on the north end of the lot.

July 21 Purchase of the above mentioned property from the Syracuse Company was voted by the Board of Trustees. There had long been advocated the providing of a Village Hall and Public Market.

Aug. 4 The LaFayette Guards were voted $25 "towards paying the rent of their Armory."

P. N. Rust, Chief Engineer, and Haml White, Assistant Engineer, made application for an appropriation of $100 for each of the companies in the Fire Department; these were five engine companies, one hook and ladder company and one bucket company.

Aug. 11 Declaring that "the selling & giving of intoxicating liquors to the Indians in this Village produces an intolerable nuisance & is subversive of good morals & quietness," the Trustees requested "immediate & strict attention" to the matter by "the Indian Agent W. W. Teall Esq & the Police officers of this Village."

"All challenges for testing or trying fire Engines between the fire Companies of this Village or the acceptance" of such challenges were "strictly prohibited" unless authorized by the Trustees.

Sept. 8 No "minor apprentice or Servant" permitted to play in any nine-pin or ten-pin alley in the village. Fine $10, payable by keeper of the alley.

Nov. 3 B. R. Norton and others petitioned "for the appropriation of $125 to the Syracuse Band for the purchase of musical instruments to be owned by the Village of Syracuse."

Nov. 25 At a meeting of freeholders and taxable inhabitants it was, on motion of John Wilkinson,

> Resolved That it is not competent either for the Trustees to appropriate funds for the purchase of musical Instruments or for any meeting of Inhabitants to raise any sum of money by tax to be appropriated to such object.

In observance of December 4 as Thanksgiving Day the people were urged by resolution adopted by the Trustees "to abstain from all unnecessary labor & recreation." **Dec. 1**

Petition was made by Isaac J. Minard as captain of the Syracuse Citizens Corps for an appropriation of $25 to that company "towards paying the rent of their armory." **Dec. 15**

YEAR 1846.

Resolution: **Feb. 2**

> Resolved That the Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Company be permitted to set their Telegraph posts through this Village on each side of the Rail Road Alternately provided they set good well finished posts painted white. * * *

A petition, previously received, "from the 1st. Baptist Society of Syracuse for relief from damages done to their Church Bell while used for the Village as a fire Bell was taken up & on motion it was resolved That we have no power to grant the prayer of the petitioners." **Mar. 16**

Resolution:

> Resolved that the ordinance or Resolution giving One Dollar to the person who rings the first fire bell on the occurrence of a fire be repealed

Proposition presented in resolution form by J. Lathrop, engineer, for changes in block numbers and certain street names, Salina Street south of the Erie Canal to be Main Street and Genesee Street north of the Erie Canal to be Seneca Street. Tabled for one week. **Apr. 20**

The resolution referred to above "was amended by striking out 'Seneca Street' & inserting in its place 'Broad Way' & passed." **Apr. 27**

Trustees met, apparently for the first time, "at their Rooms in the Market Place." **May 11**

H. Van Buren, Henry Gifford, J. Huntington "& others," "a committee appointed by members of a new Presbyterian church," petitioned to be allowed to "rent the Market Hall for the purpose of public worship." Petition, at a later meeting, "referred to E. W. Leavenworth Esq." **May 15**

Heman Howlett petitioned "for numbering the houses of the Village in reference to a Village Directory being made." **June 8**

Petition: **June 22**

> One from Abner Bates. John Stephens & oth-

ers for $50 remuneration for damage done to the 2d Presbyterian Church & Lecture Room by cannon fired near the church on the eve of the Anti War meeting

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June 29 Petition received "Of H. T. Fellows & others" "praying that it may be inquired into, whether Capt Teall has complied with the law requiring him to bring in wholesome water."

Petition granted "Of Managers of Orphan Assylum to be allowed to occupy the ground about the pump on Clinton Sq— for the purpose of exposing articles for sale on the next fourth."

Ten dollars allowed Engine Company No. 1 "for trimming Engine on next 4th July."

Invitation accepted "to join in procession of Sons of Temperance on 4th July."

Description given for 12-foot gravel walk, petitioned for: "On the west side of Salina St from the South east corner of the old Orphan Assylum to the swamp on a line from said corner to the monument near the brewery."

July 1 Petition granted "to have word Syracuse erased from front of Market House."

July 13 Petition received "in relation to the slaughter house on Onondaga street."

Aug. 3 Petition of "Mr. Huntington, to be allowed to make fire in the street for the purpose of setting wagon tire, in front of his shop; denied.

Aug. 31 Petition granted: "Of Russell Hebbard for use of the Market Hall for the purpose of holding the next Agricultural Fair."

Sept. 14 Resolution:

Resolved that Salina St be opened six rods wide south from Adam. St—

Sept. 21 Use of Market Hall granted on petition of Daniel Dana "for the sitting of the democratic convention."

YEAR 1847.

Jan. 5 Meeting of citizens, held at Market Hall, with E. W. Leavenworth as chairman and John F. Wyman as secretary, to consider "the expediency of applying to the Legislature for a City Charter."

William B. Kirk moved that application be made for the city charter, "which shall embrace within its limits the village of Salina."

The record says: "An animated debate ensued, in which many of our oldest inhabitants took a part."

The proposition was unanimously carried, and various subsidiary projects were put over to another meeting.

Adjourned meeting of citizens. By Thomas McCarthy, who with Noah Wood and Ira H. Williams constituted a committee, resolutions were presented which had been adopted at a meeting of the citizens of the village of Salina. These resolutions approved the plan of making Salina a part of the proposed city, on the following conditions: Jan. 12

> That we compose a Ward, embracing all the territory in the village of Salina on the northwesterly side of Union Place and Elm street, to be set off and denominated the Salina Ward;
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> That the location of the Bank of Salina is to remain in this Ward;
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> That the Post Office at Salina be not discontinued, nor the canal and salt offices removed from this Ward.

By resolution offered by Gen. J. R. Lawrence the proposition to apply for a city charter, to include in its scope the two villages, was approved.

H. Baldwin renewed effort made by him at the earlier meeting to have the village of Geddes included. His resolution, "after an interesting and eloquent debate," was adopted.

A resolution offered by George Stevens and seconded by Harvey Baldwin "that we also invite the village of Liverpool to join in such application" was adopted "after an animated debate."

In accordance with a motion made by Dr. Lyman Clary the chairman named the following committee of thirteen to draft a charter and report back at another meeting:

John Wilkinson, M. D. Burnet, Hiram Putnam, George F. Comstock, J. R. Lawrence, Amos P. Granger, Harvey Baldwin, Chas. B. Sedgwick, Hamilton White, Lyman Clary, Thomas McCarthy, Noah Wood and Warren H. Porter.

Capt. Oliver Teall then offered the following:

> Resolved, That whether the annexation of Salina takes place or not, the inhabitants of the village of Syracuse will hold a day of public rejoicing, thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, as soon as that most debasing and degrading custom of furnishing Wine at our social parties shall have taken its departure from our beautiful village, no more to spread its withering and deleterious influence throughout our community.

This was seconded by Wm. B. Kirk, and carried *"unanimously."* (Note—The italics are in a printed summary in the record.)

Resolution: Mar. 15

> *Resolved* That Mr Van Heusen be appointed to obtain the necessary balls & chains for the prison-

ers in the jail preparatory to setting them to work for the Corporation—

July 9 Resolution:

Resolved That the County Superintendent and Poor Master of the Town of Salina be permitted to erect a building to be used as a hospital. on such lot on or near the East line of the Corporation as the Trustees may designate

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July 12 The Syracuse and Oswego Telegraph Company was required to change the location of "their posts in Salina St."

July 13 Order:

Ordered that Salina St. be opened from Castle St. to Burt St. six rods wide according to a Survey made by Benj. F. Green

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July 27 "Village Meeting held at Market Hall." A committee reported in detail in regard to the Fire Department, saying in part: "At the first organization * * * many of our most prominent citizens attached themselves to the Fire Companies, and performed the requisite service in such a manner as to establish the conviction that the system was efficient, useful and creditable to the town.

"At a subsequent period, the Fire Companies seemed to have been composed of a considerable portion of new members, and the former rigid discipline was in some measure relaxed. The comfortable Engine Houses that were built by the Corporation, became the resorts of the vicious, and an entire want of confidence in the Department, or in a considerable proportion of it, became so thoroughly established, that we believe all the Companies but one voluntarily disbanded" * * *.

A rearrangement was proposed and unanimously approved, under which specified defects were apparently to be remedied and in addition "all the stimulous to strife, to contest, and to jealousy would be withdrawn."

The citizens assembled recommended Hamilton White for Chief Engineer and Nathan Cobb for Assistant Engineer. They were subsequently appointed.

Aug. 3 At the village meeting above noted the citizens had, without public notice of intention of such action, voted in favor of a motion "to remit the fine imposed on Wesley Hicox, for tempering morter on the side walk." The Trustees, meeting with this citizens' procedure before them for "action thereon," resented the "directing" of them "to remit the fine" for the "obstruction" of the sidewalk and defended their dignity in resolutions, offered by A. McKinstry, which were in part as follows:

Resolved as the opinion of this board that the power to impose & remit penalties for the viola-

tion of Village Ordinances belongs exclusively to the Trustees—That such power is derived not from the Citizens but from the Legislature under the Charter of the Village And that in the discretionary exercise of that power the Action of this Board is not Subject to the control or Authority of any public meeting of the Village

Resolved as the opinion of this Board that if the power to remit penalties belonged to the Citizens in public meetings no binding resolution could be passed by such meeting unless covered by notice calling such meeting

Resolved that we consider it derogatory to our own dignity as public officers as well as subversive of the good order and government of the Village to yield our own views of propriety And duty in matters over which we hold permanent and exclusive jurisdiction to the sympathies or the passions of a public meeting acting in ignorance of facts And without the semblance of Authority; And that no board possessing self respect will pass restrictive ordinances or Enforce the penalty of Violation if their proceedings are held subject to review and reversal by any public Assembly of Citizens

Resolved That this Board do not deem it their duty to remit the penalty imposed on said Hickox And that the same be duly Collected by the Village Attorney

On this declaration Trustees McKinstry, Leonard and Agnew voted in the affirmative and Trustee Cleveland in the negative, President E. W. Leavenworth apparently not voting.

"*Application* of Richard Raynor to have the Oswego freight packet prohibited from unloading Emigrants and paupers on the Packet landing in front of the Townsend block. *Laid on the table*" **Aug. 9**

E. Welch ordered to "place his fence at the south end of Salina St. on the west side of the same on the line of the Street According to a Survey made by B. F. Green." **Aug. 16**

"E. W. Leavenworth presented a memorial on the Subject of a City Charter which was unanimously adopted & ordered to be presented to the Legislature at their next Session" **Sept. 6**

Resolution adopted at meeting of citizens: **Sept. 10**

Resolved, That we believe the mill pond in the west part of the village of Syracuse is a nuisance. That it has been the cause of a great part of the sickness that has prevailed in the place during the past summer, and that the future health and

prosperity of the village require that it should be suppressed.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed whose business it shall be to see the case properly presented to the next Grand Jury in this County, and if a bill shall be found, to adopt such measures as they shall deem most advisable to insure a speedy trial.

Oct. 4 Application of V. W. Smith granted "for the use of the Town hall for the Whig State Convention on Wednesday Oct. 6th—"

Nov. 1 Petition granted for calling of a public meeting "to take measures to secure the removal of the Madison University to this place." At the meeting later the following were made a committee "to investigate the matter and report": Rev. Mr. Raymond, Gen. Grange, John Wilkinson, Oliver Teall, W. B. Kirk, C. T. Hicks, M. D. Burnet, Horace White and P. S. Stoddard.

Nov. 4 Citizens' meeting, called by Board of Trustees. Resolutions were reported by a committee, consisting of D. D. Hillis, C. M. Brosnan and S. D. Dillaye, of which the following was the preamble:

> Whereas, Our friends and fellow townsmen, Brig. Gen. E. D. Hopping and Capt. E. Kirby Smith, of the U. S. A., have lately fallen in Mexico—the former a victim to the uncongenialities of a foreign climate, while in command of the Camp of Instruction at Mier, in the service of his country, and before he was offered an opportunity of exhibiting the qualities of a soldier in the battle field, which we all knew him to possess—the later a distinguished soldier, born in the camp and bred to arms; having marched with General Taylor from Corpus Christi; having participated in the glorious achievements of Palo Alto, Reseca, Vera Cruz, Contreras, Cherubusco, and finally having fallen gallantly at the head of his battalion, while leading the charge before the walls of Molino del Rey,

It was thereupon resolved, after certain expressions of esteem and condolence, "that the citizens of this village will send for the bodies of their deceased friends, but declining to receive the public funds for this object, we prefer to raise them by private subscription."

The following committee of ten "to circulate a subscription" was appointed: "Messrs. Hillis, Brosnan, Jas. Noxon, Gen. Granger, Timothy Cheney, Benson, Mlnard, P. N. Rust, W. W. Teall, and J. L. Bagg."

Nov. 17 It was resolved that an offer of J. H. Tomlinson of certain court

quarters "be accepted & that this board do hereby designate & provide the north end of the Empire Block as the place for the holding of the Courts mentioned in" a legislative act passed Oct. 16. The act provided that any court of record thereafter to be held in this county, "not requiring the attendance of a Grand or Petit Jury, instead of being held at the Court House in the village of Syracuse, may be held at such other places in said village, as the Corporation thereof shall provide for that purpose."

Mr. Tomlinson's offer gave "free of rent, for at least five years." a first-floor court room, with permanent fixtures, "with the entrance from Salina street and wholly separated from and disconnected with the Public House kept in another portion of said block," and two rooms connected with the court room "for a Public Library or other purposes connected with the said Court aforesaid." Mr. Tomlinson went farther:

"The said Court room shall be lighted from the South, West and North, and the windows on the West shall look out upon a yard, in the rear of said block; the barns to be removed, and the yard sown to grass, shrubs, &c."

"An Act to incorporate the City of Syracuse" was passed by the Legislature. **Dec. 14**

"Petition of Mr Potter for Market Hall to be converted into a theater. Denied" **Dec. 28**

YEAR 1848.

Notice was published in the Daily Journal and the Daily Star, by V. W. Smith as County Clerk, under date of January 5, and such publication of the notice was continued daily for four weeks, to the effect that on the date of first publication (Jan. 6) the "act of incorporation" of Syracuse as a city "becomes a law" by reason of the following recited facts: **Jan. 6**

An election had been held Jan. 3 in each of the villages of Syracuse and Salina, each village giving a majority vote for the city charter, as follows:

	Syracuse	Salina	Totals
Total vote	1,843	424	2,267
"Charter"	1,072	385	1,457
"No Charter"	771	39	810
Majorities for charter	301	346	647

The combined majority for the city charter was therefore 647. Syracuse, with its larger voting population, contributed only 301 of this, or 45 less than Salina; Salina gave 346, only 39 Salina voters opposing the charter.

Jan. 13 Citizens' meeting. The following were made a committee "to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting": "D. D. Hillis, M. D. Burnett, Wm. W. Teall, Edward Cooper, Cha's Rust." On their report the assembly unanimously adopted resolutions of which the following was the preamble:

> We, the citizens of Syracuse, deeply deploring the loss of our fellow townsman, Capt. E. Kirby Smith, who fell while bravely leading his command in the battle of El Molino del Rey, on the 8th of September last; and highly appreciating his character as a citizen and soldier which rendered him equally an ornament of society and an honor to his country; and cherishing a high sense of those noble qualities which led him to seal his devotion to his country with his life, do hereby express our admiration of his character as an officer and a citizen and acknowledge our gratitude to him for associating the name of our city with his own in the imperishable renown he has won on the battle field;

Thereupon the citizens resolved to have "appropriate funeral obsequies," the following committee of ten to act with the Trustees in arranging for the occasion: "H. Baldwin, M. D. Burnett, Horace White, W. W. Teall, P. N. Rust, I. T. Minard, D. D. Hillis, P. Outwater, jr., W. A. Cook, Edward Cooper."

Feb. 15 "Ordered that the polls for the election of city officers be held in the following places in the 2d 3d & 4th Wards viz—

In the 2d Ward at the Empire house
" " 3d " " Thomas J. Keelers tavern
" " 4th " " Market Hall"

March 7 First municipal election.

March 9 The last Trustees of the village of Syracuse, having canvassed the vote cast in the several wards, certified to the election of the following city officers:

Mayor—Harvey Baldwin.
Justices of the Peace—Hiram Judson and Charles S. Giles.
Overseers of the Poor—John Durnford and Roger Bates.
Collector—Heman Huntley.
Street Commissioner—Jefferson Phillips.
Marshall—John Hurst.
Treasurer—Perry Burdic.

D. P. Wood, the last Village Clerk, closed the village record with the following list of ward officers elected for the new city of Syracuse:

First Ward

Aldermen—James Lynch and Elizur Clark

Supervisor—Coddington B. Williams
Assessor—Isaac R. Quereau
Constable—Harvey W. Freeman
Inspectors of Election—P. Cooney, Alonzo Crippin, Warren H. Porter. Appointed.

Second Ward

Aldermen—Alexander McKinstry and John B. Burnett
Supervisor—Lewis J. Gillett
Assessor—George Stevens
Constable—Adam W. Goodfellow
Inspectors of Election—Hiram Judson, Grove Lawrence, Isaac T. Minard. Appointed.

Third Ward

Aldermen—Gardner Lawrence and William H. Allexander
Supervisor—Hiram Putnam
Assessor—John C. Hanchett
Constable—Sylvester House
Inspectors of Election—Philander W. Fobes, Charles F. Williston, Cornelius Shirley. Appointed.

Fourth Ward

Aldermen—Henry W. Durnford and Robert Furman
Supervisor—Zebulon Ostrom
Assessor—Smith Ostrom
Constable—Joseph Kenyon

Inspectors of Election—Henry D. Hatch, John G. Kendall, David Bonta. Appointed.

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